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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Acting Secretary

THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff

FROM: IO - Douglas J. Bennett

SUBJECT: Rwanda -- New Security Council Resolution

On Monday, May 15, the UN Security Council passed UNSC Resolution 918 to expand UNAMIR's mandate under UNSCR 912 and to authorize an increase of forces, in phases, up to 5,500.

The Council added the following responsibilities:

- Contribute to the security and protection of displaced persons, refugees and civilians at risk in Rwanda, including establishing secure humanitarian areas.
- Provide security and support for the distribution of relief supplies and humanitarian relief operations.

On forces, the Council called on the Secretary General:

- First, immediately to redeploy to Rwanda the UNAMIR military observers (179) currently in Nairobi, and to bring up to full strength (800) the elements of the Ghanaian infantry battalion currently in Rwanda.
- Second, on the next deployment phase, to report as soon as possible on the cooperation of the parties, progress toward a ceasefire, availability of resources and proposed duration of the mandate for further review by the Council and actions as required.

Attached at tab A is a schematic analysis of the resolution in terms of the decision factors in PDD 25. At tab B is the text of the resolution.

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Attachments:

Tab A: Schematic analysis of UNSCR 918 in terms of
decision factors listed in PDD 25
Tab B: The text of UNSCR 918

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RELEASED IN FULLSCHEMATIC ANALYSIS OF UNSCR 918 ON RWANDA
IN TERMS OF DECISION FACTORS LISTED IN PDD 25

<u>PDD decision factors</u>	<u>Relationship of UNAMIR to PDD</u>
o U.S. interest	o YES. Maintenance of peace and stability in region and strong humanitarian interest.
o Threat to peace	o YES. Urgent humanitarian interest coupled with violence. Killing of over 100,000 people, need for assistance for up to 500,000 refugees and others at risk.
o Clear objectives	o NOT YET. Secretary General to report as soon as possible.
o Ceasefire in place	o NOT YET. Secretary General to report as soon as possible.
o Means available: forces, finances and mandate	o UNCLEAR. Ghana would have to agree to redeploy its battalion, for which U.S. will be asked to furnish APCs. Nigeria has offered a battalion and two other (unidentified) African battalions are said to be available. Sufficient financing if the cost is to be about \$115 million for six months is not clear. Secretary General is to report on mandate as soon as possible.
o Unacceptable consequence of inaction	o YES. What is happening is clearly a humanitarian disaster of the highest magnitude.
o Duration tied to clear objectives for ending the operation.	o UNCLEAR. Secretary General is to report as soon as possible.

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